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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 16497.28.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re application of     | )                                     |            |
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| Enrique J. Klein, et al. | )                                     |            |
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| Filed:                   | March 30, 2004                        | )          |
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| Confirmation No.:        | 7612                                  | )          |
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| For:                     | DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SUTURING TISSUE | )          |
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| Examiner:                | Katherine Marie Dowe                  | )          |
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| Customer No.:            | 57360                                 | )          |

**AMENDMENT "D" AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 28, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.